

Government sex education: priming children for teenage sex and abortion?



Compulsory sex and relationships lessons from 5-16 years are part of a bill now before parliament.

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What is wrong with the government's sex and relationship education (SRE) proposals?

Primary schools will be forced to teach SRE from age five. Government-backed resources for teaching primary school children, including some produced for Catholic schools, include explicit images of male and female sex organs, lessons on menstruation in mixed classes (boys and girls) and graphic details of sexual intercourse.

The impact of this can sexualise young children, destroying trust, innocence and love.

Secondary schools, including faith schools, will face pressure to link SRE to contraception and abortion services. They will be told to teach school pupils how to access these services. The government's advisers want confidential health clinics in all secondary schools so they can offer teenagers advice on contraception and abortion without their parents' knowledge. A third of schools already have such clinics. The impact of this is to damage teenagers' health, betray parents and destroy unborn lives.

What is the aim of the strategy?

Ed Balls, the schools' and children's secretary, says his aim is to reduce teenage pregnancies, but the government's strategy doesn't work. Leading abortion supporters have accepted that sex education doesn't cut pregnancy and abortion. The chief executive of BPAS, a leading abortion provider, said: *"There have been a large number of studies about the impact of sex education on abortion rates and pregnancy rates, and these frequently tend to show that they are not having the kind of impact that family planning specialists want... they do not seem to have much impact on the abortion rate."*

Schools are being used in a ruthless manner by the government to implement its strategies. Schools must resist this.

What can we do to protect children, families and schools?

- Write to your local schools. Urge them to oppose the plans to make sex education compulsory. Ask schools to write to Ed Balls MP and to the prime minister.
- Write your own letter to Gordon Brown, the prime minister, opposing compulsory sex education. Send a copy to your own MP. The address for the prime minister and other MPs is: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

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